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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: proposed claim 22

Identification of prior art discussed: Crosby, Emmerich et al. Krekler (US. 3865,437; 4084856, 3,397,012)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

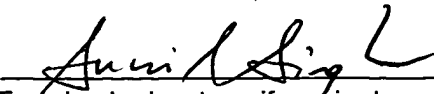
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: see below

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Proposed claim 22 (attached) appears to have defined over the above mentioned prior art. However, claim 22 (proposed) added "over the entire length thereof" which raises new issue. Examiner will reconsider.

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**COMMENTS: Regarding our upcoming interview of October 20, 2004 at 10:00am.
Please find enclosed proposed amendment to the claims.**

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Sir: **RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2004**

Introduction

By this Response, applicant responds to the FINAL Office Action of September 14, 2004. Applicant submits that this paper presents arguments that clearly show the patentability of the claims and/or places the claims in form for allowance. Hence, this response should be entered in the case.

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this patent application. - Listing of Claims

Claims 1-21 cancelled

22. (Currently Amended) A protective wear sleeve for a bit holder of a cutting tool assembly wherein the wear sleeve comprises:

an elongate body having an axial forward end and an axial rearward end;
the elongate body having a solid enlarged diameter portion adjacent to the axial forward end thereof and a split portion beginning at and extending in an axial forward direction from the rearward end wherein the split portion contains a slot so that the split portion is flexible in a radial direction, and a solid intermediate portion being between and contiguous with the enlarged diameter portion and the split portion;

the split portion having an external surface that is uniform over the entire length thereof, and the intermediate portion having an external surface that is uniform wherein the diameter of ~~he~~ the external surface of the split portion is equal to the diameter of the surface of the intermediate portion; and

when the wear sleeve is in the central bore, the external surface of the split portion is biased in a radial outward direction against the central bore of the bit holder so as to retain the wear sleeve in the central bore of the bit holder.

23. (Previously Presented) The protective wear sleeve of claim 22 wherein the split portion extends for less than one-half of the axial length of the elongate body.

24. (Previously Presented) The protective wear sleeve of claim 22 wherein the enlarged diameter portion comprises a collar for protecting the bit holder from axial forces applied to the cutting tool.

25. (Previously Presented) The protective wear sleeve of claim 22 wherein the elongate body has a generally cylindrical geometry.